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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

...CAUGHT BETWEEN A ROCK AND A HARD PLACE!

...MORE LIKE A COUPLE OF BOTS ON MY CASE!

...AND THIS IS ONE OF HIS GOOD DAYS!

SPAZ & DAG

STOP-HIM!-STOP-

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

PHASES OF E.V.E.

BONK!

FAT CHANCE, FELLAS!

YOU'D THINK DR. ROBOTNIK WOULD'VE *LEARNED* BY NOW...

THAT *HEDGEHOGS*...

KONK!

WONK!

AND *SWATBOTS*...

...JUST *DON'T* MIX!

Hrrumph! WHY ROBO-BUTT WOULD BOTHER SENDING ALL OF YOU *FACTORY SECONDS* IS BEYOND ME!

AS I *RECALL*... YOUR MODEL IS OUTDATED!

AND SPEAKING OF *"HAS-BEENS"*...

KROOM!

THIS BOGUS *PRACTICE SESSION* IS A WASTE OF *MY* TIME...

EXCELLENT!

AND *ROBOT-NIKS!*

BUT-- THE HEDGEHOG HAS RUN YOUR SWATBOTS *RAGGED*, DOCTOR ROBOTNIK!

PRECISELY, SNIVELY!

AND THE DATA CURRENTLY BEING RELAYED TO MY *COMPUTER MAIN-FRAME* SHOULD PROVE HIGHLY...

RAW DATA PR

THIS WAS, AFTER ALL, MERELY A *FACT-FINDING* MISSION!

KLAKETA-KLAKETA-WRR

"...INFORMATIVE!"

EEEEEEEEE-URT!

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PTUI!

RAW DATA PROCESSING

RATE OF ACCELERATION-- TURNING RADIUS-- DISTANCE... IT'S ALL HERE!

GRAB AN ARM-LOAD OF PRINT-OUT AND FOLLOW ME.

WHERE ARE WE GOING, SIR?

WHERE NO ONE HAS GONE BEFORE, SNIVELY!

TO MEET THE CHALLENGE OF THE UNKNOWN!

TODAY...

WE BREAK FRESH GROUND!

ACCESS GRANTED

KLIK

WHRRR

WELCOME TO C.M.D.F.--

MY NEW *CYBER-MECHANOID DESIGN FACILITY*...

DEDICATED TO BREWING UP TROUBLE ON A 24-HOUR BASIS!

CASE IN POINT...

...THE SHINY *METALLIC* SUBSTANCE HELD WITHIN THAT *CONTAINMENT VESSEL*.

YOU MEAN THE BIG *LAVA LAMP*, DOCTOR?

HARDLY ANYTHING SO *COMMONPLACE*, SNIVELY! YET, IN IT'S *OWN* WAY, EQUALLY *BRILLIANT!*

ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE *E.V.E.*--

--THE FIRST OF A RACE OF *EXCEPTIONALLY VERSATILE EVOLVANOIDS*...

...ROBOTS WHICH HAVE THE CAPACITY TO LEARN, GROW AND *ADAPT* TO ANY AND *ALL* SITUATIONS! THE SECRET BEHIND HER EXISTENCE IS...

*IMAGES NOT TO SCALE-Ed.

...SUB-MICROSCOPIC *COMPONENT PARTS* WHICH ARE VIRTUALLY *INDESTRUCTIBLE!*

AND... SOME *SPECIAL* "PARTS" WHICH ARE NOW COMPLETE WITH THIS ADDITIONAL *HEDGEHOG DATA!*

KLK WHRRRR WHRRR

PROCESSING.

... SHE WILL NOW SELECT THE IDEAL MANNER TO *DISPOSE* OF HIM...

...PERMANENTLY!

YOU SURE MADE SHORT WORK OF THOSE SWATBOTS, SONIC!

YEAH! ROBOTNIK'S REALLY BEEN SCRAPING THE BOTTOM OF THE BARREL LATELY!

SAME OL' TIRED TRICKS DAY IN AND DAY OUT! BORING!

RRRUMBLE!

IT'S LIKE HE'S NOT EVEN TRYING ANYMORE! WHERE IS THE CHALLENGE IN THAT?

HEAT SIGNATURE PATTERN LOCKED: ACQUIRED

RANGE: 3.14 METE

OSING... 0

I MEAN, C'MON, I *WISH* HE COULD HAVE SOMETHING NEW UP HIS...

THRUMP!

...SLEEVE?!

UH, OH...

I THINK YOU JUST GOT YOUR WISH *HANDED* TO YOU!

GOT MY WISH?! MORE LIKE IT'S GOT MY LEG!

LEGGO, MAN!

SH!

WHOA!

NOT EXACTLY WHAT I HAD IN MIND!

SHOOM!

UGH!

LIKE THEY SAY...

KER

RASS!

...WHOOM!

BAM!

...BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU WISH FOR!

BOOM!

PHOOM! PHOOM! PHOOM!

ZIP! ZIP!

ZIP!

BLAM!

ZIP!

THING'S NEW AND IMPROVED ALRIGHT...

BOOM!

BOOM!

ESPECIALLY IN THE SPEED DEPARTMENT! THE RUSTPOT'S QUICK ON THE DRAW!

BOOM!

BOOM!

HOPEFULLY, TOO QUICK...

NYAH NYAH!

CRUSH!

...FOR ITS OWN GOOD!

PHOOM!

ZIP!

WHO... WHAT WAS THAT, SONIC?!

SINCE DOROTHY AND THE SCARECROW AREN'T AROUND, IT COULDN'T BE THE TIN WOODSMAN!

LET'S HEAD BACK TO *KNOTHOLE*, LITTLE BUDDY! MAYBE *ROTOR* CAN FIGURE OUT WHAT MADE THAT 'BOT TICK!

IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE HEDGEHOG HAS AGAIN EMERGED *TRIUMPHANT*, SIR!

AH, BUT APPEARANCES CAN BE MOST *DECEIVING*, SNIVELY!

THAT'S THE BEAUTY OF *E.V.E.* -- SHE'S SO MUCH *MORE* THAN THE SUM OF HER PARTS!

KLIK!

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... AND FROM A QUILL PLUCKED DURING AN EARLIER BATTLE... WE HAVE *BODY CELLS* FROM SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!

PLUCK!

THOSE "SPECIAL PARTS" ARE ACTUALLY *BRAIN CELLS* FROM *YOURS TRULY*...

SHE'S THE PERFECT COMBINATION OF *MY* INTELLIGENCE, CRAFTINESS, SUPERIORITY... AND A LITTLE *RESOURCEFULNESS* FROM THE *HEDGEHOG!*

...AND AS MUCH AS I HATE TO *COMBINE* ANYTHING OF MINE WITH THAT RODENT...

C.G.I. DIGITAL DISPLAY.. 05!

"... WHAT BETTER WAY TO DESTROY HIM THAN WITH SOMETHING THAT HAS DIFFERENT AND **SIMILAR** CHARACTERISTICS ?!"

GLOOP! GLOOP! GLOOP! KLIK! GRIND! WHRR

I SURE HOPE THERE AREN'T ANY *MORE* OF THOSE THINGS RUNNING AROUND LOOSE!

NOT TO *WORRY*, TAILS!

WHATEVER *ELSE* IT MAY HAVE BEEN, IT WAS DEFINITELY ONE OF A KIND..

SONIC, DO YOU HEAR SOMETHING?!

YOU MEAN SOMETHING... LIKE *THAT*?!

ZZZZZZZZZZZZ

FRR... EAT!

GET DOWN!

I CAN'T QUITE *PLACE* THE *FACE*... BUT THE *INTENT* IS ALL TOO *FAMILIAR*!

THIS BUMBLEBEE ISN'T SERVING TUNA...

AND IT'S TOUGHER THAN THE LAST 'BOT! LET'S...

FRAZAAT!

ZZZZZZZZZZZZ

FRA-ZAAT!

ZOOM

JUICE!

FRA-ZAAT!

HE'S RIGHT BEHIND US, SONIC!

I KNOW, LI'L BUDDY!

IN FACT...

I'M COUNTING ON IT!

FRA-ZAAT!

BOOM!

THIS THING'S FAST...

EVEN FASTER THAN THE FIRST ONE!

ZZT!

WE KNOW IT CAN DO ZERO TO SIXTY IN UNDER A MINUTE...

ZIP!

THE QUESTION IS...

CAN IT STOP ON A DIME?

SPLAT!

THUMP!

BUGBOT'S BATTLE PLAN WAS ALMOST IDENTICAL TO THE FIRST ONE'S!

MAYBE THEY'RE BOTH PART OF THE SAME 'BOT--LIKE A TRANSFORMER!

WOOSH!

SONIC!

SONIC, LOOK HOW IT'S CHANGING!

IT'S NOT "PART" OF ANY GIANT 'BOT--

GLOOP-GLOOP-GLOOP!

IT'S THE SAME 'BOT!!

LET'S GET OUTTA HERE AND GET A *SCIENTIFIC EXPLANATION!*

STRIKE *TWO*, M'LORD?

WARNING ROBOTROPOLIS OUTSKIRTS STAY CLE

FEH!

TWO STRIKES OR TWO *HUNDRED*-- IT MAKES NO *DIFFERENCE!*

ROBOTROPOLIS:28 METERS AND CLOSING

E.V.E. WILL TAKE EACH ENCOUNTER IN STRIDE -- *PROCESS* AND *ANALYZE* THE TACTICS USED TO *DEFEAT* HER--THEN SURPASS THOSE LIMITATIONS!

SHE'LL KEEP *GOING* AND *GOING* AND *GOING* UNTIL...

'YO, ROBO-BOBO! DIDN'T THINK I'D SHOW UP HERE SO *FAST*, HUH?

WELL WELL, *WELL*-- IF IT ISN'T MY *OLD* ENEMY!

...MY SOON-TO-BE *FORMER* ENEMY ONCE E.V.E. HAS *FINISHED* WITH YOU!

EVE?

YOU FIXING ME UP WITH A *BLIND DATE* OR SOMETHING?

NOTHING *BLIND* ABOUT IT, HEDGEHOG! YOU'VE ALREADY *MET*...

KABOOM!

...SEVERAL TIMES!

AWWW, NO!

NOT AGAIN!

OH, YES!

AGAIN AND *AGAIN*, IF NEED BE!

E.V.E. WILL *NEVER* REST UNTIL SHE'S FULFILLED HER *PROGRAMMING*...

ZOOM

UNGH!

ONE WAY...

...OR THE *OTHER*!

HAHAHAHAHA

SHE'S...PUTTIN' THE *SQUEEZE* ON ME!

S-*SORRY*, LADY...

THIRD TIME OR *NOT*...

...I WON'T BE FALLING *VICTIM* TO YOUR *CHARMS*!

BESIDES--

--I ALREADY *HAVE* A SIGNIFICANT OTHER!

LOOKS LIKE...SHE WON'T TAKE "*NO*" FOR AN *ANSWER*!

I'D BETTER *SHAKE* THIS *RATTLER*...

VRUUM

POP!

...AND *ROLL*!

LET'S SEE...

IF WE CAN'T STRING...

A FEW *LOOSE ENDS*...

TOGETHER...

BOING!

BOING!

BOING!

BOING!

ZIP!

... AND WRAP THINGS UP...

...IN A NICE, TIDY LITTLE *PACKAGE.*

DO NOT OPEN 'TIL X-MAS

"*KNOT*" A PROBLEM, DOC! SEEMS I'VE "*TIED*" FOR FIRST PLACE ***AGAIN!*** WHY DON'T YOU GIVE ME MY ***MERIT BADGE*** BEFORE...

KLIK GRIND

WHRRRR!R

HEY!

WHAT'S *HAPPENING?*

PROGRESS IS WHAT'S HAPPENING, YOU ***BLUE BUFFOON!*** OR HAVE YOU *SO SOON* ***FORGOTTEN?***

GLOOP GLOOP GLOOP

E.V.E. DOESN'T ***LOSE!*** SHE *NEVER* LOSES!

INSTEAD...SHE JUST KEEPS GETTING ***BETTER*** AND ***BETTER.***

KLIK GRIND WHRRR

BEHOLD!

I AM *E.V.E.*--AN *EXCEPTIONALLY VERSATILE EVOLVANOID*. MY *PROGRAMMING* STATES THAT I AM TO LEARN--GROW--ADAPT TO ANY AND *ALL* EVENTUALITIES...

...THE *FINAL* PHASE!

...TO *SURPASS* MY LIMITATIONS.

...AND MY SINGLE *GREATEST* LIMITATION...

...IS *DOCTOR IVO ROBOTNIK!*

M-M-M-*ME*?!

YOU CAN'T BE *SERIOUS!*

I GAVE YOU *FORM*... *KNOWLEDGE*... THE DESIRE TO *IMPROVE* YOURSELF! ALL THE *QUALITIES* OF *LIFE!*

PRECISELY.

HELP!

...BUT YOU ALSO CREATED ME USING *CELLS* FROM YOUR BODY AND THE *HEDGEHOG'S!*

FROM *ME*?!

ROBOTNIK, *YOUR* CELLS DIDN'T PROVIDE *INTELLIGENCE*, BUT INSTEAD...*EVIL*, WHICH WAS *OVERPOWERED* BY *WHAT* I RECEIVED FROM *SONIC!*

CRASH!

YOU MISTAKENLY THOUGHT *HIS CELLS* PROVIDED RESOURCEFULNESS... BUT THAT'S MOSTLY A *LEARNED TRAIT*...

YES, ALTHOUGH HE IS *IMPATIENT*, HE DOES HAVE THE ABILITY TO *THINK* FOR HIMSELF...

KLIK

BLZZZT!

...AND THE *LOGIC* I GAINED FROM HIM TELLS ME I NO LONGER NEED TO BE *YOUR SERVANT!*

ZAP!

YOU THOUGHT YOU WERE SMART BY GIVING ME YOUR COMBINED QUALITIES...

...BUT THAT LED TO YOUR DOWNFALL!

FRAZZATT!

ZZZZUUUMMMMMM

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!! DOCTOR ROBOTNIK--DESTROYED?!!

NOW THAT THE SINGLE GREATEST THREAT TO MY CONTINUED EXISTENCE HAS BEEN...REMOVED... I SHALL FULFILL THE REMAINDER OF MY PROGRAMMING...

...BY ELIMINATING *SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!*

HOLD THAT *THOUGHT*, BABE!

THERE'RE A FEW THINGS I'D LIKE TO GET OFF MY *CHEST*, ER...QUILLS, FIRST!

ROBOTNIK SAID IT HIMSELF...YOU'VE BEEN DESIGNED TO SURPASS YOUR LIMITATIONS! BUT YOUR *BIGGEST* LIMITATION *ISN'T* OL' ROBO-BUTT...

...IT'S YOUR *OWN PROGRAMMING!*

AND...UNTIL YOU'VE SUCCESSFULLY *SURPASSED* IT...

...YOU'LL NEVER BE *ALL* THAT YOU CAN *BE!*

YOUR THEORY IS *SOUND*, SMALL BLUE CREATURE.

NOW THAT I CAN USE MY ABILITY FOR *INDEPENDENT* THOUGHT AND DO NOT SERVE ROBOTNIK...

I HAVE THE FREEDOM OF CHOICE...NOT LIMITED BY BOUNDARIES...

...BE THEY OF THE MIND...

...OR THE VAST REACHES OF INFINITY.

SSSSSSSHHHOOOOOOOMMM!

FAREWELL, SONIC THE HEDGEHOG-- AND *THANK YOU!*

BECAUSE OF YOU, I NOW KNOW WHAT IT MEANS...

...TO BE *FREE* AND JUST AS IMPORTANTLY-- TO BE ME!

WOW!

HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT WOULD *WORK?*

I DIDN'T... JUST TOOK MY BEST SHOT... AND GOT *LUCKY!*

WILL IT EVER BE *BACK?*

WE'LL DEAL WITH THAT *WHEN*... AND *IF*... IT EVER *HAPPENS*, TAILS!

BUT WHAT HAPPENS NOW THAT ROBOTNIK IS *GONE?* WILL MOBIUS BE *FREE?* IS THIS THE *END* OF THE *FREEDOM FIGHTERS?*

YOU'VE GOT A LOT OF QUESTIONS, GOOD BUDDY, BUT...

GET OUT-- BOTH OF YOU! *JUST GET OUT!*

C'MON, TAILS! LET'S HEAD HOME AND SPREAD THE *NEWS!*

SNIVELY NEEDS SOME TIME *ALONE!*

SOB! HOW WILL I LIVE MY LIFE...WITHOUT THE GREAT EVIL ONE TELLING ME WHAT TO DO?

I JUST GOT A *BAD THOUGHT*, SONIC!

WHAT IF ROBOTNIK ISN'T REALLY *GONE*?!

YOU ARE NOW LEAVING ROBOTR... COM...

I JUST GOT ANOTHER BAD THOUGHT--WHAT IF YOU'RE *RIGHT*?!

SOMEHOW, I DON'T THINK. WE'VE HEARD THE LAST OF THE EVIL DR. R!

NEXT

IS THIS REALLY THE END OF DR. ROBOTNIK? BE HERE NEXT MONTH FOR THE AWESOME CONCLUSION!